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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ozeki, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/031,818  
Filed : March 6, 2002  
For : NOVEL MINIATURE  
INVERTED-REPEAT  
TRANSPOSABLE ELEMENTS  
(MITES) -LIKE ELEMENT AND  
TRANSCRIPTION ACTIVATION  
ELEMENT  
Examiner : Collins, Cynthia E.  
Group Art Unit : 1638

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AND AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/031,818. In response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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